



The Ethics, probity and accountability in procurement manual in Queensland, Australia



Public Procurement Principle: **Transparency, Integrity, Accountability**



Procurement Stage: **All phases**



Audience: **Procuring entity, Civil society, Policy maker, Private sector**

Description

The following excerpt from the Ethics, probity and accountability in procurement manual describes how procurement officials in Queensland should act in situations where they risk committing unethical behaviour. The example below details what officials should do when they receive an invitation to a seminar from a supplier: “Attendance by a procurement officer at a public seminar offered by a potential supplier is unlikely to create a conflict of interest. However, the officer must not discuss confidential matters relating to the tender process, and must not use the tender process to obtain a discount on any registration fee. Officers directly involved in the tender process should inform the tender management team as well as their own manager, and gain approval for their attendance at the seminar, which should be fully documented.

Source: OECD (2021), Public Procurement in the State of Mexico: Enhancing Efficiency and Competition, OECD Public Governance Reviews, OECD Publishing, Paris, <https://doi.org/10.1787/cc1da607-en>.

